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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 11453

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: TECH, ENRG, JA, GW
SUBJECT: JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN IEA R & D COOPERATION

REF: A. STATE 176122, B. BONN 12439

1. WE BELIEVE THAT DEPT. AND BONN SHOULD KNOW THAT TOKYO NEWSPAPERS OF JULY 7 AND 8 REPORTED THAT SCHMIDT-KUESTER HAD WRITTEN TO MITI MINISTER TATSUO TANAKA (LETTER RECEIVED BY TANAKA JULY 5) PROTESTING JAPAN'S "INDIFFERENCE" TOWARD IEA ENERGY R&D PROJECTS. PAPERS DESCRIBED LETTER IN SOME DETAIL AND MITI'S REACTION TO IT.

2. WE HAD NOT REPORTED NEWSPAPER STORIES AT TIME THEY WERE PUBLISHED BECAUSE WE ASSUMED THAT ANY LETTER WRITTEN BY DR. SCHMIDT-KUESTER IN HIS CAPACITY AS IEA SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WOULD BE KNOWN TO MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE, OF WHICH THE USG REPRESENTATIVE MUST BE AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL.

3. BEFORE PROCEEDING TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS REFTTEL A, WE ASK THAT DEPT. RECONSIDER ITS REQUEST IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT DR. SCHMIDT-KUESTER ALREADY HAS PRESSED JAPANESE AND PROBABLY HAS RECEIVED REPLY.

4. NOTWITHSTANDING FACT THAT USG WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN
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CREATING IEA AND IS DRIVING FORCE BEHIND ITS ENERGY R&D PROGRAM, WE HAVE BEEN UNDER STRONG IMPRESSION THAT R&D EFFORT IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN STRICT MULTILATERAL CONTEXT AND THAT SECRETARIAT IN PARIS IS WHERE COORDINATION AND RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS TAKES PLACE. TO OUR BEST RECOLLECTION, THIS IS FIRST TIME THAT EMBASSY HAS BEEN CALLED UPON TO INTERCEDE FOR USG

TO PUT PRFESURE ON JAPANESE IN THE IEA R&D PROGRAM.
WE ARE GENERALLY AWARE OF LACK OF ENTHUSIASM IN GOJ,
BUT WE ARE NOT FAMILIAR IN DETAIL WITH HISTORY OF THIS
PARTICULAR PROBLEM SINCE WE ARE NOT IN MAINSTREAM OF DISCOURSE
AND THEREFORE MUST QUESTION ADVISABILITY OF APPROACH REQUESTED
REFTEL A. AS ALTERNAIVE, WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE INTENSIVE
INVESTIGATION OF GOJ'S STANCE AND FUTURE PLANS FOR PARTICI-
PATION INPROGRAM AND TO REPORT FINDINGS ASAP TO
WASHINGTON. DEPT'S FURTHER VIEWS REQUESTED.

5. TEXT OF REPRESENTATIVE NEWS ARTICLE REFERRED TO
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